



# Australian Christian College - Launceston **Annual Report 2023**



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LAUNCESTON

Helping Students *Thrive*

# Principal's Report

2023 was another eventful school year and I am delighted to share the highlights of our progress and achievements for ACCL in the 2023 Annual Report.

Again, there was strong growth within our school, with a 20% increase in our on-campus enrolment and with the settling of our Distance Education (DE) program, which is now in its second year accommodated 29 students from across Tasmania. So together, we had over 110 students enrolled at ACCL.

I extend my gratitude to all stakeholders who joined us in celebrating our students' achievements throughout the year whether in academics, sports, arts, or personal development. Our dedicated staff members devoted themselves to providing our students with outstanding educational opportunities and holistic support, both within and beyond the classroom.

Parent involvement remains integral to our shared success. Participation in school events and activities continued to strengthen our community bonds and enrich the educational journey of every student. This was shown in events both on the school premises or at other venues across the region.

Reflecting on the year, our growth and accomplishments are evident with moments both big and small. Notably, we introduced initiatives such as Breakfast Club, expanded interschool sports for grades 5/6 participating against other local independent schools, and encouraged students to engage meaningfully with our local community through volunteering at 2 local community groups. The inception of the Student Representative and Support Team (SRST) empowered students to advocate for their peers and initiate positive changes within our school.

Amidst this growth, we welcomed new staff members, Mr. and Mrs. Harwin, Mrs Griffioen and bid farewell to valued colleagues embarking on new chapters. We also said goodbye to several students, each leaving their unique mark on our community.

In closing, I express profound gratitude to our dedicated staff and volunteers for their unwavering commitment. To the families, thank you for entrusting us with another year of your child's education and personal growth.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marty Howell'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Marty Howell**

## Student Cohort - On Campus (by the numbers)

Students	End 2022	End 2023	Increase/Decrease
Primary (inc Kinder)	51	59	+8
Secondary	12	25	+13
TOTAL	63	84	21

## Student Cohort - Distance Education (by the numbers)

Note: 2022 was the first year of ACCL DE

Students	End 2022	End 2023	Increase/Decrease
Primary	10	11	+1
Secondary	17	16	-1
TOTAL	27	27	0

## Student Attendance (On-Campus Only)

Students	2022	2023	Increase/Decrease
Primary (inc Kinder)	90.3%	91.9%	+1.6%
Secondary	95.6%	93.55%	-2.05%
TOTAL	91.7%	92.4%	+0.7%



# ACC Launceston Staff

## Australian Christian College Launceston Teaching Staff List

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Marty Howell (BEd-P)

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Jennifer Howell (BA, BEd)

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Marcela Hemphillova (MAGSci, GradDipTeach)

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Jelly van Den Berg (B.Ed.)

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Angela Chapman (B.Ed. - Secondary Music)

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Leesa Peters (BEd, GradCertTESOL, GradDipICS, MEd, GradCertEd)

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Mikaela Verhaegh (B.Ed. - Early Childhood)

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Mrs Lynda Armstrong (DipEd)

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Chioma Uwalaka (B.Ed. - Early Childhood)

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Ben Harwin (BHlthSc, MTeach (sec))

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Christelle Harwin (B.Ed. - Early Childhood, Primary)

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## Australian Christian College Launceston Administration Staff

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Michelle Carins

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## Australian Christian College Launceston Learning Support Staff

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Anne Viupe

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Rachael Griffioen

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## Australian Christian College Launceston Grounds and Cleaning Staff

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Victoria Dickson

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## Staff Professional Development

Throughout the year, staff were encouraged to participate in a range of professional development. While ACCL delivers many in-house opportunities, staff also attended a range of Independent Schools Tasmania sessions both online and face-to-face. Listed below are some of the PD's that staff participated in:

- CEM National Conference
- CEM Leadership Forum - National Education Improvement Plan
- CEM Good-2-Great Program
- National Principles of Child Safe Organisations
- NCCD/ILPs - supporting students
- Assessing to the Achievement Standard
- Launceston Christian School's Job-A-Like Sessions

## Sport

Physical activity and sport gives students the opportunity to develop lifelong physical, mental and social skills. Outside of our weekly Physical Education sessions, students also participated in a range of local school, interschool and community club events. Some of the highlighted activities were:

- ACCL Mini-Sports Carnival
- Swimming Program (2 weeks)
- Northern Christian Schools Cross-Country
- Northern Christian Schools Swimming
- Northern Christian Schools Futsal Championship
- NIJSSA 5/6 Sport (Speedball and Netball)
- Orienteering

## Excursions, Incursions and Camps

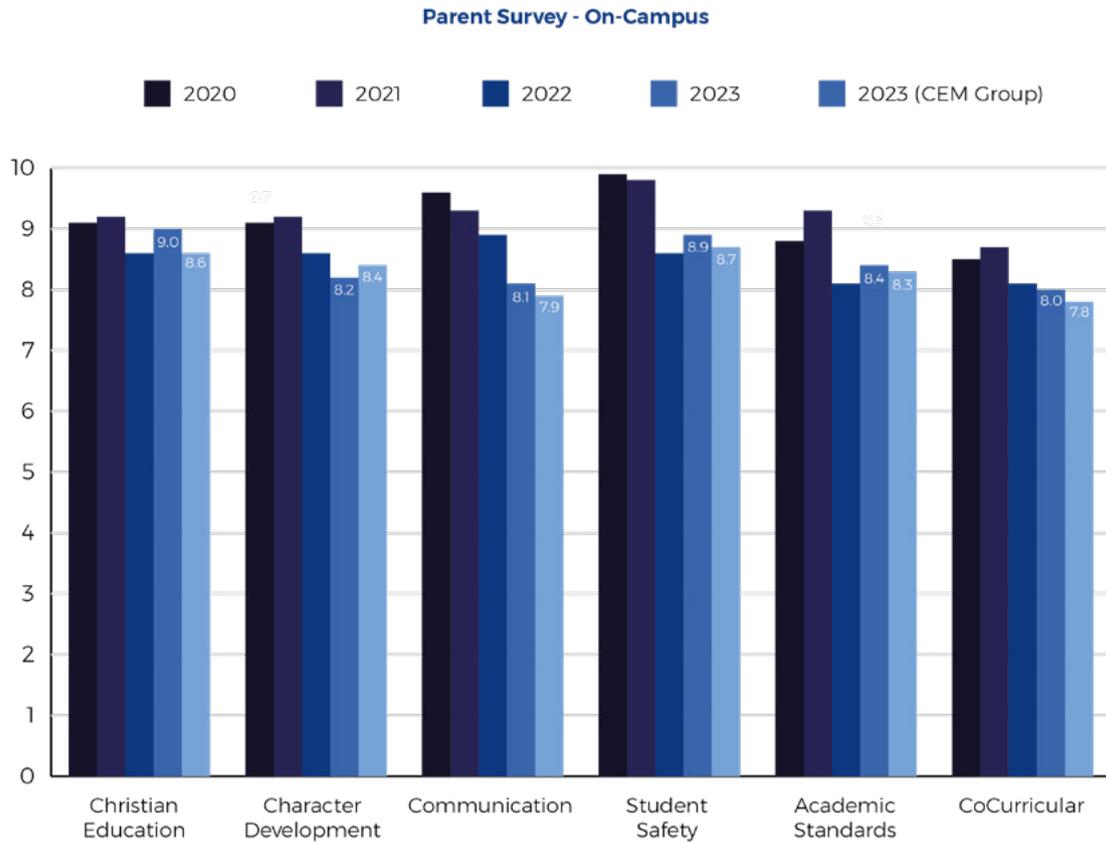
The highlight for 2023 was the combined camp with ACC Hobart, which was held at Carnaroo and involved our Grade 3-10 students. This was incorporated with the Northern Christian Schools Futsal Championship. Students participated in a variety across multiple learning areas. Some of these events included:

- Outdoor Classroom Day
- K-2 Bravehearts Program
- K-6 School Fire Education Program
- P-2 Dan Warlow concert
- K-2 Mini TSO concert
- 1-2 Heritage Park
- P-2 Zoo Excursion
- 1-2 Beaconsfield Mine
- 5-6 New Horizons Tasmania - Community Service
- 7-8 Geography Excursion
- 7-10 Salvation Army - Community Service
- 9-10 Banff Film Festival
- 9-10 Suessical (production put on by Scotch Oakburn)
- 9-10 North East Hike/Overnight camp
- 9-10 Media Arts Excursions
- 1-4 Launceston Competitions

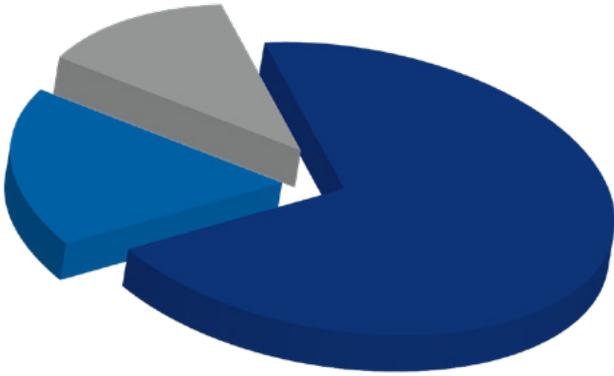
# Parent Survey

Each year, our parents provide us with important and valuable feedback in a range of areas through our annual parent survey. With more students and families at ACCL, the data shows that we are generally scoring higher against the other CEM schools all over the country with figures generally consistent with 2022. Foci for 2024 will be around Character Development and Co-curricular as these have dropped from previous years.

## 2023 Results



# Financials



## Income 2023

- Cwth Recurrent Grants **\$1,449,642**
- State Recurrent Grants **\$371,013**
- Fees & Private Income **\$266,362**
- Government Capital Grants **\$0**



## Expenses 2023

- Salaries Allowances & Related Expenses **\$1,212,539**
- Non Salaries Expenses **\$639,512**
- Capital Expenditure **\$168,152**



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